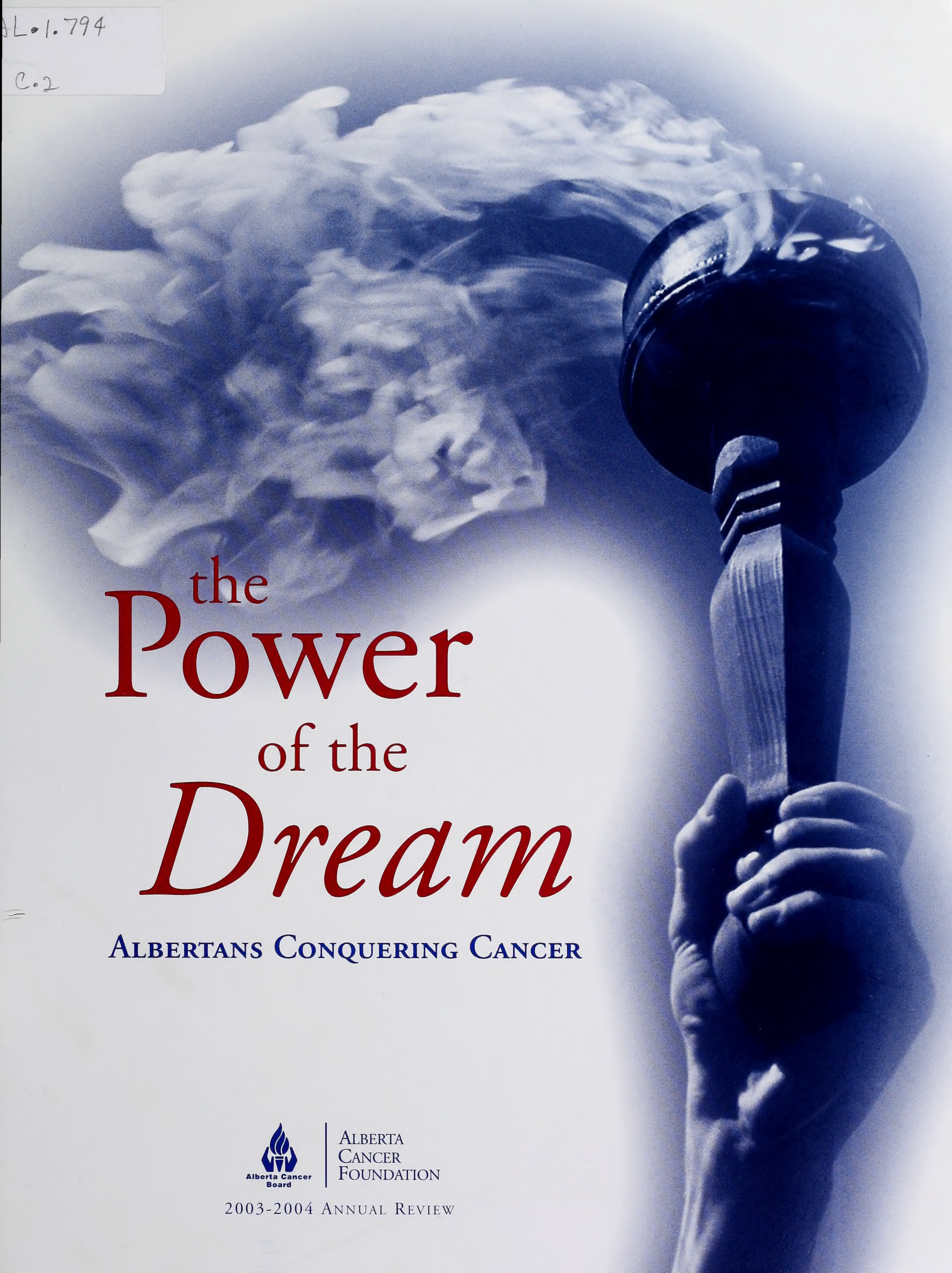


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THE POWER OF THE DREAM

Deep within each heart
There lies a magic spark
That lights the fire of our imagination
And since the dawn of man
The strength of just "I Can!"
Has brought together people of all nations

There's nothing ordinary
In the living of each day
There's a special part
Every one of us will play

Feel the flame forever burn
Teaching lessons we must learn
To bring us closer to the power of the dream
As the world gives us its best
To stand apart from all the rest
It is the power of the dream that brings us here

The power of the dream
The faith in things unseen
The courage to embrace your fear
No matter where you are
To reach for your own star
To realize the power of the dream

Power of the Dream

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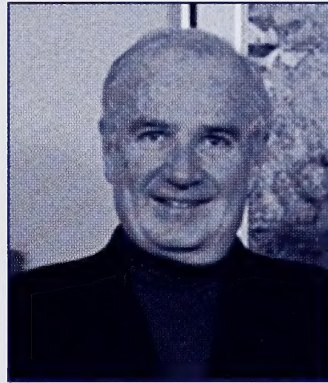
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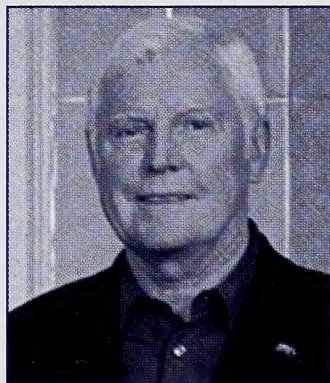
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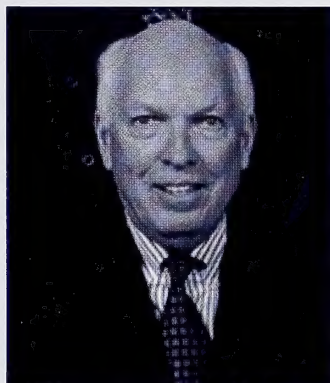
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REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND CEO 2003-2004

Sometimes we achieve a goal completely on our own — inspired from within and driven by perseverance and sheer determination. Other times it takes the combined commitment and strength of many. But if we believe we can.... we have the power to make dreams come true.

This is what the Tour de France and the Olympics are all about. This year, following Lance Armstrong's amazing sixth victory in the world's most gruelling cycling event, athletes from around the globe met under the Olympic torch in Athens to compete in the 2004 Summer Games. These dedicated athletes remind us all of the power within. And they inspire us to follow our dreams with passion and strength of mind.

But it is the remarkable personal courage and tenacity shown by cancer patients and their families at the Cross Cancer Institute, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and 15 other Alberta Cancer Board treatment centres, that inspire our outstanding team of researchers, healthcare specialists, volunteers and donors to pursue the dream of a world without cancer.

As we look back on the Alberta Cancer Foundation's fiscal year 2003-2004, we are proud to highlight some of our fundraising success stories and to profile a few of the exciting research and cancer care programs that donor support made possible.

We proudly welcomed Lance Armstrong — world-class athlete and cancer survivor — to Calgary for his first Canadian speaking engagement. This was a highlight among hundreds of volunteer-driven special event fundraisers that took place in communities throughout the province. Our 4th Annual Cash and Cars Lottery, in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society in Alberta, was another tremendous success bringing our share of lottery proceeds to more than \$3.1 million since its launch in the fall of 2000. Seven thousand new ACF donors responded to our direct mail campaigns, and approximately 20,000 thoughtful donors remembered friends and loved ones through tribute gifts.

This year, the Foundation receipted more than 60,000 gifts — up from 32,000 five years ago; revenue from annual fundraising and the lottery surpassed \$10 million; investment income exceeded \$1.5 million; and over \$2.5 million of our annual revenue was internally or externally designated for endowment funds. Grants to research, prevention and patient care totalled more than \$6.3 million — compared to just \$2.6 million in 1999. We've come a long way over the past few years.

In 2000, we embarked on a five-year strategic plan designed to move the Foundation to a new plateau of fundraising excellence. Although we were successful in raising funds, and our \$30 million Conquering Cancer Campaign was clearly a success, respondents to a 1999 survey were concerned that the Foundation was not living up to its potential.

Deep within each *heart* there lies a *magic spark*

Since then, we have reinforced the Alberta Cancer Foundation's provincial profile and identity, expanded our fundraising programs and resources to reach and steward more donors, and developed exemplary leadership and accountability. We've experienced steady growth — this year doubling the annual revenue of 1999 — while successfully building the Conquering Cancer Research Endowment Fund and Reserve to more than \$36 million.

Foundation trustees are committed to demonstrating excellence in governance practices, focusing on four key areas of responsibility: strategic planning, gift solicitation, succession planning and financial management. We began the next planning cycle, working with the Alberta Cancer Board to identify immediate and long-term needs and to organize the Foundation's resources to meet those needs. And we developed a new governance model incorporating a dedicated Fundraising Cabinet Committee that will also help us identify and recruit prospective trustees.

At the Annual Meeting in September of 2003, Bob Bentley became Past Chair and Pattie Culver was appointed Chair of the Alberta Cancer Foundation. In December, we bid a fond farewell to Bette Hall-Petry who retired after serving five years as a trustee and member of the Alberta Cancer Board.

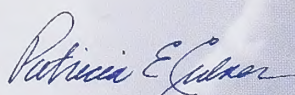
The Foundation relies on professional investment management services and prudent investment policies to optimize long-term returns at an appropriate level of risk. Ethical investment policy prohibits any investment in securities of companies in certain industries such as

tobacco. Our investment portfolio increased by over \$3.5 million in the past year with a market value increase of \$9 million in the same period. Since 1999, our portfolio has grown from \$19 million to more than \$40 million. The income from these investments is a major and reliable source of funding for research and our Patient Financial Assistance Program.

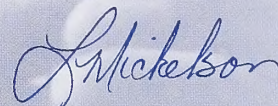
Our funding impact is being felt right across the cancer control continuum from research and prevention to patient treatment, support and palliative care. As we plan for the next five years, the Alberta Cancer Foundation is committed to becoming an even more effective funding partner for the Alberta Cancer Board. We believe we can do more and we know our volunteers and donors will rise to the challenge.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the Foundation's staff team, our donors and volunteers, and to the Alberta Cancer Board's healthcare professionals, researchers and community partners. Your dedicated efforts over the past year and your ongoing devotion to our cause, is making a difference for all Albertans.

We are closer than ever to conquering cancer. And we must never underestimate the power of the dream.




Pattie Culver, Chair



Linda Mickelson, CEO

that lights the fire of our *imagination*



Centre of Excellence

The Alberta Cancer Board, with its two comprehensive care centres, the Cross Cancer Institute and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre, is relatively unique among Canadian cancer agencies in that its focus extends beyond treatment to include a firm commitment to research.

Superbly trained and culturally diverse investigators and a dynamic and exciting work environment to train future cancer researchers in close partnership with the Universities of Alberta and Calgary are key factors in the success of our research programs. In addition, we have state of the art technology like CBIAR (Centre for Biological Imaging and Adaptive Radiotherapy), and an aggressive strategy for the creation of a series of endowed chairs.

Where feasible, the concept of provincial research activities allows the ACB to remain flexible and agile with resources and create virtual talent pools across the two major research institutions. Provincial programs, where planning, scope and operation includes investigators from both Edmonton and Calgary, strengthen Alberta's capability as a major player on the national/international cancer stage.

Four broad categories of cancer research are being pursued by ACB investigators: basic research, translational research, clinical trials and population-based research.

Basic research attempts to understand the molecular and genetic underpinnings of cancer. ACB scientists are working to identify the specific genes that, when mutated, contribute to cellular transformation and tumor development, and they are studying the biochemistry and physiology of gene products, proteins, that cause the disease.

Translational research links laboratory bench to bedside. Clinical scientists apply basic research findings to the cancer problem directly. They translate basic science discoveries into specific cancer treatments, applying new knowledge to the development of new therapies that may help to more effectively treat and eventually cure cancer.

Clinical trials begin when rigorous scientific testing has demonstrated that a new drug or therapy may prove more beneficial than existing therapies but has not yet been

tested in practice with people battling cancer. The Cross Cancer Institute has the highest clinical trial participation rate of any cancer center in Canada and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre is not far behind.

Population-Based research examines contributing risk factors which might include family history, genetic predisposition and lifestyle factors to determine how simple behavioural changes can reduce a person's risk of developing cancer. It also helps to improve diagnostic and screening methods and to develop strategies to define, improve and measure the quality of cancer prevention and care to the benefit of all Albertans.

Cancer research in Alberta represents one of the centres of excellence in our province. Integrated research between north and south avoids unnecessary duplication in both centres and it has obvious health and economic benefits to Albertans. The ACB has developed a highly trained, diverse cancer research workforce along every step of the cancer research continuum and as such is in a position to attract major external funding. And Alberta is at a stage where further long-term financial support can catapult key aspects of its research program to center stage as a major player in terms of innovativeness in cancer research at the national and international levels.

Thanks to our donors, the Alberta Cancer Foundation has steadily increased research funding support each year since 1998 when we provided just \$275,000. In 2003-2004, ACF research grants totalled over \$3.3 million. In addition, we continue to build our Conquering Cancer Research Endowment Fund to provide a stable and secure source of funding.

To break new ground in the search for a cure, Alberta researchers need the resources to dream big. The Alberta Cancer Foundation is committed to providing the funding power that is necessary to bring us even closer to fully understanding, treating and preventing cancer.

The world *gives* us its best
to *stand apart* from all the rest

The ACF Annual Research Grant program provides funding that would not otherwise be available through traditional funding agencies. Applications are peer-reviewed by the ACB Research Funding Committee, made up of 10 members of the scientific and clinical scientific staff of the CCI, the TBCC and the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Centre. In 2003-04, \$750,000 of the Foundation's total commitment to research funded four Cancer Research Fellowships, 16 Graduate and Summer Studentships, four Research Equipment Grants and the following Bridge and Pilot Grants and the Dr. Merv Laskin Fellowship:

Dr. Donald Robinson – Development of Metallic Copper as a Fiducial Marker for PET and CT

Dr. Joan Turner – Functional significance of mtDNA mutations in human pancreatic cancer cells

Dr. Andrew Shaw – A Novel Model for Analysis of Tetraspanin Function

Dr. Elizabeth McGregor – Self-reported Colorectal Cancer Screening: Pilot test of a random digit dial telephone survey and validation of self-report

Dr. Stefan Gluck – Individualized Dosing Formula for Cisplatin

Dr. Frank Jirik – Inducing Prostate-Specific Apoptosis in Transgenic Mice

Dr. David Schriemer – New Approaches for the Discovery and Molecular-Level Characterization of Anti-Mitotic Cancer Therapies.

Dr. Greg Cairncross – Non-invasive Detection of Molecular Signatures in Low Grade Glioma.

Dr. Neil Adames – Mitotic Checkpoints and Chromosome Instability.

Dr. Gordon Chan – Regulation of Centromere Chromatin Structure and Kinetochore Assembly by Epigenetic Modifications.

Dr. Raymond Lai – Characterization of Two Novel SHP1 Splicing Variants in Malignant Lymphoma

Dr. James Russell – Pharmacokinetics of Once Daily Intravenous Busulfan: Use of a Test Dose to Predict Therapeutic Dosing

Dr. Ronald Sloboda – A Patient Specific Dose Calculation Algorithm for Brachytherapy Seed Implants

Dr. Michael Sawyer – Clinical Pharmacology of Anticancer Agents: Development of Renal Elimination Models to Improve Dosing and Reduce Toxicity

Ji-Hyeon Kim – Dr. Merv Laskin Fellow

Dr. Raymond Lai and Angie Battokio, Lab Technician. Lai is the recipient of an annual grant from the ACF.



Dr. John Mackey, PolyomX Research Scientist and Stan Hafso, cancer survivor and PolyomX participant.

Imagine

A diagnosis of cancer is frightening and life-changing. But just imagine...

Imagine that doctors can pinpoint your cancer immediately. Imagine knowing that the treatment you receive has been tailored just for you and your unique cancer. Imagine having total confidence that this specialized treatment will work. Imagine the fear slipping away.

What may stretch our imagination today is on its way to becoming reality thanks to molecular information that can be obtained since the completion of the human genome. Innovative research taking place at the CCI in Edmonton is using comprehensive molecular pictures of each patient's health and distinctive cancer to make real-life, concrete improvements in treatment planning. This new research program, called PolyomX, promises faster, more precise diagnosis, effective treatment without unnecessary side-effects, and better outcomes for all Albertans facing cancer.

"Genetic screening and testing options will benefit both patients and physicians," says Dr. John Mackey, Medical Oncologist at the CCI and PolyomX researcher.

"Genotyping individuals will help us understand why some patients benefit from a given drug while others suffer adverse reactions."

Dr. Mackey and the PolyomX researchers have achieved early success in identifying a new genetic risk factor for breast cancer. Doctors may soon be able to assess breast cancer risk with a simple blood test to help in early diagnosis. The tests may help identify women at high risk of breast cancer as well as those who are likely to recur after surgery, and will help doctors identify which treatment will prevent those recurrences. Ultimately, the PolyomX team hopes to reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in Alberta.

The root causes of cancer have become apparent through research over the past few years. Most cancer types have similar molecular changes and behaviors despite their different origins and it has become clear that investigation of any particular cancer may yield benefits to patients with other cancer types.

A promising area of cancer research is the identification and characterization of biomarkers that can predict the response of cancer to treatment. Research on these biopredictive markers depends on the availability of human tissues. A tumor bank is an organized collection of normal and tumor cells, tissues and body fluids for translational research projects. The CCI is home to a growing tumor bank with over 1000 tumor and 2000 blood samples. A plan for the creation of a provincial tumor bank is currently being developed by PolyomX researchers in collaboration with researchers at the University of Calgary. This one-of-a-kind tissue bank will ensure that medical specimens from patients undergoing treatment today are available to medical researchers in the future.

PolyomX is a valuable research resource for Alberta and other Canadian cancer researchers for identification of gene signatures that change when a normal cell is transformed into a cancer cell. "Applying this knowledge will help identify new molecular targets for early diagnosis and effective treatment of cancer, as well as identify the potential for designing specialized drugs that will target specific cancer genes," says Dr. Carol Cass, Director of the CCI and the PolyomX Program.

"I was pleased to be asked to participate in the PolyomX project by donating a blood sample," says Stan Hafso, a prostate-cancer survivor and ACF supporter. "I think genetic research like this is so important. One day we will be able to determine if people are likely to get cancer just by testing their genetic makeup. People with family histories of cancer will know in advance whether they are likely to be diagnosed."

Our progress to date is just the beginning. With world-class scientists and a tumor bank linked to the latest in software, equipment and technological advances, molecular medicine here in Alberta promises to take us to an exciting new level of cancer diagnosis and treatment. The future possibilities of PolyomX are as endless as our imagination.

The faith in things *unseen*

A new era of cancer treatment

Five years ago, researchers at the CCI envisioned a centre that would pave the way for a new era of cancer diagnosis and radiation treatment for Albertans. The centre would provide doctors, researchers, staff and patients with the best possible environment to fight cancer.

Today, the Centre for Biological Imaging and Adaptive Radiotherapy (CBIAR) is a \$32 million facility at the CCI housing a complete suite of state-of-the-art biological imaging tools. With one of the world's first tomotherapy system, western Canada's first whole-body positron emission tomography (PET) scanner and a leading magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) program, CBIAR has generated tremendous interest within the Canadian and International radiation therapy, medical physics and diagnostic imaging communities.

"CBIAR is unique in the world in providing Albertans with the most advanced cancer diagnosis, staging, treatment planning, therapy optimization and related research resources all in one facility," says Dr. Sandy McEwan, Director of Oncologic Imaging at the CCI.

The latest additions to CBIAR are a combined PET/CT scanner and a high-field MRI and spectroscopy system. Researchers are leveraging up to seven or eight dollars from other granting organizations for every ACF dollar provided as seed funding to make these acquisitions possible.

The advanced MR systems provide the anatomical, functional, metabolic and biochemical information to identify diseases at an earlier stage and monitor treatment response immediately after and at intervals after treatment. The resultant information is integrated with PET and CT images to design advanced adaptive radiation therapy delivered by the experimental helical tomotherapy system. The helical tomotherapy system allows the revolutionary delivery of radiation to treat the tumor while minimizing any side-effects.

PET scanners are vital tools in early cancer diagnosis and ongoing treatment. In current clinical trials, PET is used to predict patient response to treatment. The treatment teams can immediately analyze the treatment's effectiveness and modify delivery on a daily basis. This translates into better treatment results and fewer side effects for patients.

The new PET/CT scanner enhances the current program by allowing doctors to more accurately detect cancer and pinpoint its exact location within the body. By performing

both the PET and CT scan simultaneously, there is less room for error in interpreting the results of the scans and radiotherapy treatment can be more accurately planned. Also, patients can expect to undergo fewer of the invasive procedures required during follow-up care.

"By using the combined PET/CT, it is possible to more accurately define the site of a tumour prior to surgery then using either of the two techniques alone," says McEwan. "Overall, the impact on the patient will be that of a quicker scan, but more importantly, more accurate localization of tumour sites for surgical or therapeutic intervention."

Another integral component of CBIAR is the MRI program. This year, an advanced, super high-field MRI and spectroscopy system was installed within CBIAR. This advanced equipment gives researchers a complete picture of the metabolic processes occurring at the cellular and molecular level.

"Researchers at the CCI will use the 9.4 Tesla MRI system to examine the chemical and biological mechanism of cancer and their responsiveness to innovative treatments," says Fallone. "In this way, the system is the perfect complement to the biological imaging and adaptive radiotherapy facilities of CBIAR, making CBIAR a world leader in cancer molecular imaging and adaptive radiation therapy."

For patients this means cancers can be detected much earlier and at-risk patients can be evaluated much sooner, perhaps even before a tumour has even had the chance to become malignant. Also, by providing a detailed picture of the cancer, MRI will help in building the appropriate treatment plan and in monitoring a patient's response much earlier, reducing unnecessary treatment and side effects.

"We believe that non-invasive imaging of molecular, genetic and other biological processes will significantly help in the development of new drugs, new radiation-delivery techniques and different biological therapeutic approaches to cure cancer," says Fallone.

This new, state-of-the-art equipment is keeping Alberta scientists at the forefront of cancer diagnosis and treatment. CBIAR's unique setting provides our cancer care team with the finest resources available to help Albertans meet cancer head-on.

*Reach for your own star
to realize the power*



of the dream

Dr. Sandy McEwan with the new PET/CT scanner at the CCI.

Your mind will take you far
the rest is just *pure heart*



*Engineered Air Chair in Cancer
Research, Dr. Susan Lees-Miller, with
her research team in Calgary.*

Maximizing patient response

Over half of all cancer patients are treated with radiation therapy. An even larger portion of patients are treated with chemotherapy, which, like ionizing radiation can induce forms of DNA damage that kills rapidly growing cells.

Although ionizing radiation has been used as a cancer treatment for decades, it is only in the last five to ten years that scientists have begun to understand how human cells detect and respond to this type of DNA damage.

A new basic cancer research chair in Calgary, made possible through a \$2 million funding commitment from the University of Calgary and a \$3 million commitment by the ACF, is helping lay the foundation for more effective radiation treatment. A generous \$2 million pledge from Engineered Air-Resman Community Services early in the 2003-2004 fiscal year brought the ACF portion of a \$5 million campaign to its goal sooner than expected.

Dr. Susan-Lees Miller, a Professor in the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was appointed as the first Engineered Air Chair in Cancer Research on April 7, 2003. Dr. Lees-Miller, a leading Canadian scientist, holds research grants from the National Cancer Institute of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and has published over 60 research papers. She is an active member of the Cancer Biology Research Group at the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Centre (SACRC) and teaches in several undergraduate and graduate courses.

Leading a team of nine researchers, Lees-Miller is investigating how human cells recognize and repair DNA that has been damaged as a result of ionizing radiation, which is believed to cause up to three per cent of all cancers.

"An understanding of DNA responses is important for two reasons," says Lees-Miller. "First, DNA damage causes mutations that can predispose a cancer cell to cancer, therefore, it is important to learn how such damage is caused and how it is repaired, Second, most cancer treatments in use today (radiotherapy and chemotherapy) rely on inducing so much DNA damage in the cancer cell that the cancer cell dies."

Lees-Miller hopes to use knowledge gained in this area to develop inhibitor drugs that can be administered to a tumor cell making it more sensitive to low doses of radiation.

"One of the big problems in cancer treatment is that the radiation will cause damage to surrounding healthy tissue," says Lees-Miller. "So, if we can use lower doses of radiation, we may be able to minimize the damage."

Engineered Air Chair funds have already made important contributions. "I was able to attract a bright young post-doc who wanted to return to Canada from the States", says Lees-Miller. "And in addition, I was able to hire a lab manager and provide matching funds to help purchase several major equipment items that we needed for new directions in our lab."

The Chair is part of a series of four endowed chairs co-funded by the ACF in Calgary that have been announced over the past three years. Along with the \$6 million Kids Cancer Care Foundation Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research, the \$5 million Chair in Molecular Cancer Epidemiology and the \$3 million Alberta Cancer Foundation Chair in Brain Tumor Research, the Engineered Air Chair serves as a focal point around which the SACRC will continue to grow and strengthen its international reputation.

"Each of our strategic programs will serve as crystallization points for the formation of interdisciplinary groups to address questions in oncology and represent areas where we have already demonstrated significant strength and momentum," says Dr. Chris Brown, Director of the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Centre. "This will foster new initiatives and opportunities for collaboration."

In the spirit of this interdisciplinary strategy, Lees-Miller has established collaborative links with her clinical colleagues in Radiation Therapy at the TBCC. Both groups will benefit from the working relationship, and initiatives are underway to provide basic science research training opportunities to the clinical trainees in the Radiation Oncology Training Program.

Strong research ties and internationally-recognized expertise in this area of basic cancer research will mean a more thorough understanding of the molecular mechanisms of DNA damage and repair. For patients undergoing cancer treatment in Alberta this means maximizing patient response to cancer treatment.



Feel the flame
forever burn

Hope for early detection

“Nanotechnology holds the key to developing fast, inexpensive ways of identifying the genetic characteristics of cancer cells,” says Dr. Linda Pilarski, Senior Research Scientist at the CCI.

In her lab, Pilarski is developing nanotechnology devices for the genetic testing of cancer. Handheld devices that will assess the genetic make-up of cancer cells from a biopsy might seem futuristic, but scientists in Edmonton are collaborating to develop just such a lab-on-a-chip.

The lab-on-a-chip is a platform about the size of a microscope slide within which cells can be moved and then analyzed for their genetic characteristics using magnetic systems, electrical charges and optical analysis with lasers and molecular tags. Patients will be able to walk into a doctor’s office, give a drop of blood and obtain a diagnosis within minutes.

Pilarski is focused on research into multiple myeloma, which is a cancer of the plasma cell, an important part of the immune system that produces immunoglobulins (antibodies) to help fight infection and disease. Her findings will lead to the development of novel cancer therapies and technologies for easier and faster diagnosis and monitoring of cancers.

A quicker diagnosis means patients will benefit from faster disease characterization and treatment initiation, which will relieve the anxiety of prolonged test results that many patients experience. The genetic analysis provided by the lab-on-a-chip will allow doctors to custom tailor therapies so that each patient is given the form of therapy that is most likely to kill their cancer with the fewest side effects. “We believe that this technology will enable a high standard of care that will include new treatment options for those patients most likely to benefit,” says Pilarski.

Pilarski’s outstanding research in the application of nanotechnology to multiple myeloma has earned her many honours, including a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair. These chairs are awarded to experienced researchers whose peers acknowledge them as world leaders in their field. The Foundation provided matching funds to support Pilarski’s Canada Research Chair application, significantly enhancing her successful application package and leveraging a total of \$600,000.

Today, the tests to determine the genetic make-up of cancer cells are difficult and expensive. In the future, the lab-on-a-chip could take the guess work out of cancer detection and diagnosis by performing the complex battery of tests much faster shortening the diagnostic period from weeks and months to minutes.

*Dr. Linda Pilarski in her
Edmonton lab with Research
Technologist, Tara Tiffinger.*



The next generation

Alberta researchers are making exciting advances in basic cancer research. Their discoveries are leading to a better understanding of the molecular and genetic underpinnings of cancer. New findings into the molecular and physiologic properties of cancer have already been made, and specific genes that, when mutated, contribute to cellular transformation and tumor development, have been identified.

But, before patients can benefit from these discoveries, scientists in translational research must apply these basic scientific discoveries to specific cancer treatments. Translational research is the bridge that links the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside, and a new multi-institutional training program in translational cancer research is equipping graduate and post graduate students with intellectual and practical skills to work at the boundaries between discovery and applied research.

"We are ideally positioned to develop this unique training program in the area of translational cancer research," says Dr. Carol Cass, Director of the Cross Cancer Institute and Chair of the Department of Oncology at the University of Alberta. "The close partnership between the Cross Cancer Institute, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and our province's universities along with our excellent team of doctors and scientists creates the ideal environment in which to foster new and creative talents in interdisciplinary research."

The research areas in which graduate and postdoctoral training are being offered include applications of advanced technologies in proteomics, genomics and molecular imaging to cancer diagnosis and treatment. Trainees will have the opportunity to participate in research in molecular and biologic therapeutics, pharmacogenetics, image-guided adaptive radiotherapy and palliative care medicine. Eleven trainees, six from the Department of Oncology in Edmonton and five from the Cancer Biology Research Group in Calgary, have already been accepted into the Training Program in Translational Cancer Research since its inception in fall, 2003.

The program, which is jointly funded by the Alberta Cancer Foundation, the National Cancer Institute of Canada and the CIHR's Institute for Cancer Research, will increase the capacity of the Alberta and Canadian cancer research community to conduct research that translates fundamental knowledge into practice while ensuring that our next generation of cancer researchers is at the forefront of interdisciplinary cancer research and innovation.

"We view this exceptional new provincial training program as an important part of our strategy to increase capacity in Alberta for the movement of new discoveries and technologies into cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment as well as to attract and retain the best and brightest young minds," says Dr. Jean-Michel Turc, President, ACB.

*Dr. Carol Cass, Director of the
Cross Cancer Institute and Chair
of the Department of Oncology at
the University of Alberta.*

Teaching lessons
we must *learn*

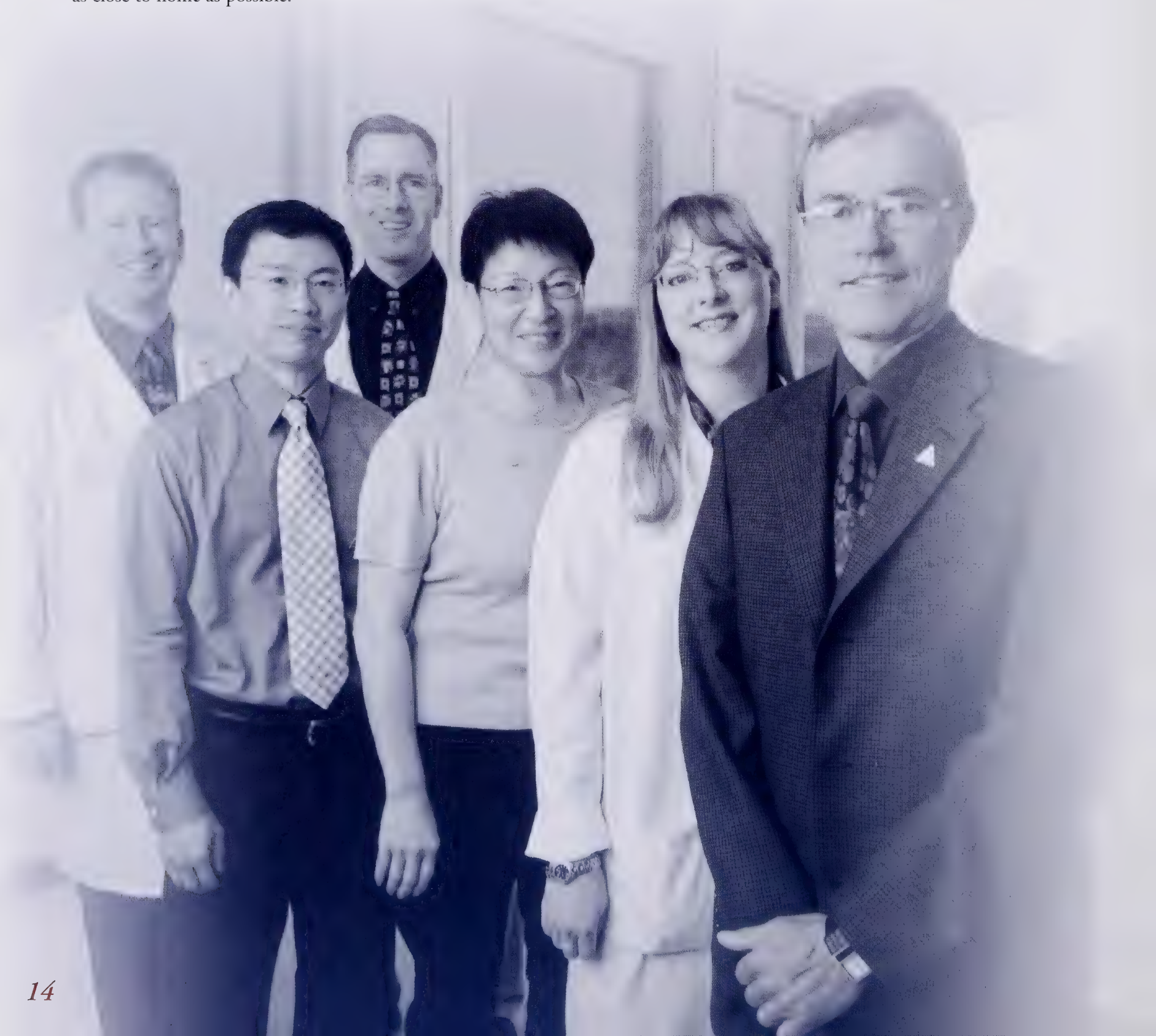
Setting the standard

Cancer is now the leading cause of premature death in our province. One in three Albertans will be diagnosed with the disease, and for some there will be no cure. Through research and service delivery, the ACB and ACF are committed to ensuring that all Albertans have access to quality, compassionate palliative care no matter where they live in the province.

“Applying the most advanced new ideas in the best possible way is the basis for high-quality palliative care,” says Dr. Tony Fields, ACB Vice President Medical Affairs and Community Oncology. “We want to provide patients with the right treatment at the right time and in the right place. In palliative care, it is important for patients to be as close to home as possible.”

The ACB Hospice Palliative Care Network (HPCN) works in collaboration with Alberta health regions to optimize palliative care services throughout the province. Through partnerships in planning and educational activities, HPCN works to ensure that community physicians and nurses have the knowledge and support that they need to address the issues faced by palliative patients and their families in or close to their own homes.

By way of links with palliative care programs in Edmonton and Calgary, HPCN strives to ensure that all regions share a common language in the design of their palliative care programs, to develop uniform palliative care standards of practice and to support coordinated



palliative care delivery at the regional level. Seamless, coordinated palliative services mean that patients receive the best care available at home with friends and loved-ones.

Palliative programs are made possible through research and discovery, and the ACB is home to the most productive palliative care research group in the world. In fact, practices that were originally developed here in Alberta are now being used in palliative programs internationally.

"It is hard to imagine having and maintaining a world-class program in care delivery without linkages to research," says Fields. "Research is all about testing new strategies and technologies for palliative care practice. Our vigorous research program attracts the best specialists, and Albertans are the first to benefit from emerging new technologies."

Our province has become a leader in palliative medicine through the development of the Palliative Care Research Initiative, which brings together researchers, clinicians, educators and program developers throughout the province to collaborate on research that will lead to improved palliative care service delivery.

In 1999, the ACB, with support from the Foundation, was the first major provincial or national entity to define and support palliative care as a top research priority, four years before it became a priority at the national level. As a result, our researchers and scientists are extremely successful in obtaining national grants, and nationally and internationally, people are turning to us to set the standard in palliative medicine.

"We are at the frontlines in fostering this new research discipline," says Dr. Vickie Baracos, Alberta Cancer Foundation Chair in Palliative Medicine at the CCI. "By placing resources in the hands of Alberta-based researchers, the ACB and the ACF have made Alberta a frontier of palliative care research."

THE PAIN AND PALLIATIVE CARE GROUP

Established in 2002 at the TBCC, the Pain and Palliative Care Group continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. Neil Hagen. The group has integrated activities of the pain clinic and the fast track radiotherapy clinic, and provides oversight to the TBCC Palliative Coordinator role. Members of the Division of Palliative Medicine are also extensively involved in undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education.

Dr. Hagen is the principle investigator in a multi-centre clinical trial evaluating a novel analgesic agent, tetrototoxin, in severe cancer pain. "Dr. Jackson Wu added radiotherapy research protocols to complement other clinical research activities of our group this year," says Dr. Hagen. "And we anticipate contributing significantly to National Cancer Institute of Canada symptom control clinical research activity in 2004."

There's nothing ordinary in
the *living* of each day

TBCC Pain and Palliative Care Group (from left to right): Aaron Baugmarten, Dr. Jackson Wu, Dean England, Sally Lim, Carla Stiles and Dr. Neil Hagen. Missing: Dr. José Pereira.

Beyond Courage

In the spring of 2003, a dedicated group of volunteers came together in Calgary with a passion for the cause and a shared dream. Their goal: produce a high profile fundraising event that would create a major buzz in the city and inspire Calgarians to support an exciting new cancer research program. Undaunted by an impossibly short timeline, they worked tirelessly and made their dream a reality in just six months.

On November 6th, 2003, the Alberta Cancer Foundation proudly welcomed Lance Armstrong for his first public speaking appearance in Canada. As an unparalleled athlete, cancer survivor and subsequent five time winner of the Tour de France, the world-renowned cyclist was uniquely qualified to help launch our \$6 million campaign to fund research on the relationship between physical activity and cancer.

Scientists at the Alberta Cancer Board, the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta have determined that physical activity can reduce cancer risk by 30-40%. The Molecular Cancer Epidemiology Research Program, the first of its kind in Canada with a \$5 million Chair and five dedicated laboratories, will focus on collecting and analyzing biological data required for a wide range of research studies in physical activity, nutrition and other linkages between behaviour, genetics, exposure and cancer.

Beyond Courage: an Evening with Lance Armstrong was one of the most successful and highest profile fundraising events held in Calgary last year. The event appealed to cancer patients, cycling enthusiasts and athletes alike who were anxious to hear Armstrong share his inspirational story of survival and victory. The Foundation was overwhelmed by ticket requests and were unable to accommodate all of

the loyal cycling fans, cancer survivors and interested supporters who placed their names on a waiting list.

The organizing committee, under the dynamic leadership of John Dielwart, President and CEO of ARC Resources Ltd, worked diligently to secure sponsor commitments that would ensure the financial success of the event. Nineteen corporate and individual sponsors were involved and in the end, 1300 people attended the sold-out event which raised an extraordinary \$1.4 million.

Thanks to the outstanding kick-start provided by Beyond Courage, the campaign is well on its way to completion. Donations continue to come in and the University of Calgary has committed \$2.5 million to co-fund the new Chair in Molecular Cancer Epidemiology Research.

The event focused public and media attention on Alberta's cancer research community, raising awareness about the importance of exploring the relationship between physical activity and cancer. And by bringing one of the world's best known cancer survivors to Calgary, Beyond Courage: an Evening with Lance Armstrong brought a message of courage and hope to all Albertans facing this devastating disease.

Refusing to admit defeat following his 1996 diagnosis of testicular cancer that had already spread to his lungs and brain, Armstrong was determined to beat the odds. He went on to win his personal battle with cancer, and in 1999, won his first in an unbroken string of Tour de France victories. Armstrong's victories in life indeed go beyond courage, proving that cancer is a challenge that can lead to triumph.



*Lance Armstrong (centre)
with the Beyond Courage
Organizing Committee.*

The Spirit of Generosity

"Are we doing the best we can for them?" In everything he did as an ACB Board member, donor and volunteer, Zane Feldman held patients as his main frame of reference. On April 9, 2003, the Alberta Cancer Board and Foundation lost this dear friend and one of the CCI's strongest supporters.

A legendary Edmonton philanthropist and business man, Feldman realized that many cancer patients were overwhelmed and struggling to make ends meet during treatment. Hoping to make a difference in the lives of these patients and their families, he established an emergency support fund at the CCI in 1990 to help cover daily necessities for those in need.

Today, the Alberta Cancer Foundation Patient Financial Assistance Program is available for patients treated in any ACB cancer centre. Administered by social workers in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Edmonton and Calgary, the program helped more than 500 patients and their families with short-term grants for rent, groceries, medications and utilities during the past year.

"For many patients, this program provides the means to go ahead with cancer treatment in spite of financial difficulties," says Lisa Lamont, Social Worker at the TBCC. "It is so important to be able to provide patients in need with a concrete way to relieve their stress about money. Patients tell us all the time that it makes a big difference to them and their families."

In 1999, the program provided \$25,000 in short-term assistance. With ongoing donor support and the establishment of an ACF Financial Assistance Endowment Fund in 2001, it has continued to expand to meet the needs of more and more people diagnosed with cancer. The Wings of Hope Rescue Mission Breast Cancer Foundation is a major contributor through an ACF managed endowment that provides immediate financial assistance to women undergoing treatment for breast cancer at the TBCC.

What began as a spark in the mind of a single person over 10 years ago has grown into a province-wide program providing over a quarter of a million dollars in financial assistance in 2003-04. Zane Feldman supported his emergency fund for many years and through his will, left a legacy gift that will help to ensure that patients can focus on beating cancer without the added stress and worry of meeting financial obligations.

His generous spirit and visionary leadership lives on. The Foundation is grateful to Zane Feldman and the many generous donors who make this very special program possible.

*Bronze outside the Zane Feldman
Auditorium at the CCI.*

The strength of just *"I Can!"*
has brought together people



Dr. Marilyn Hundleby works with (left to right) John and Thelma Litwinowich and Anne Gerard Marshall, all Arts in Medicine participants.

Leaving problems at the door

After Thelma Litwinowich was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2001, she began radiation treatment at the CCI and underwent surgery. But, while doctors were treating her physical symptoms, Thelma was also looking for emotional support. This led her to Dr. Marilyn Hundleby and the REVLON Arts in Medicine Program.

"I was carrying around a lot of anger and frustration," says Thelma. "I knew I had to do something about my depression, and Dr. Hundleby suggested I try one of the arts programs."

Researchers are beginning to look at the benefits of creative expression in helping patients and family members confront the many complex feelings that come with the diagnosis of cancer. Cancer treatment is about caring for the whole patient, and Arts in Medicine plays an integral role in the holistic approach to cancer care from diagnosis and treatment to recovery.

"The biggest thing about these programs is the group," says Thelma. "We can all talk freely to each other about our experiences. We have all traveled this journey."

Sculpting, painting, music, soapstone carving, fiber arts and photography are just a few of the weekly arts programs available to patients and their families. The creative component in this supportive group therapy takes patients and family members on a journey of personal growth and self-discovery. They uncover new abilities and talents and tap into inner resources and strengths to help them cope with the many sides of their illness.

"I chose the soapstone carving class," says Thelma. "I find when I'm carving I can leave all my problems at the door. I'm totally focused on carving and not on cancer. I'm better able to cope with the moods, the depression, the anger, the tears."

Arts in Medicine is made possible thanks to the sponsorship of REVLON and ACF donor support directed to patient programs at the CCI.

You'll find your fate is all your own creation

Empowering patients with knowledge

A patient walking into a cancer centre for the first time is faced with an intense awareness of the importance of the journey they are about to begin through treatment and care. Everything is big. Big hospital. Big disease. Big decisions.

A new TBCC Patient Education Program helps patients in Southern Alberta take on their disease and the accompanying decisions by providing reliable information about cancer diagnosis, treatment and care.

"Doctors and nurses care for the patient's physical needs. Psychosocial programs care for the patient's emotional needs. And, patient education programs care for the patient's intellectual needs," says Loring Gimbel, Patient Education Specialist at the TBCC. "We strive to make sure patients get the right information at the right time and in the right way."

By helping patients make informed decisions about their own healthcare, patient education programs play a significant role in improving the quality of care. Studies show that effective patient education enhances a patient's healthcare experience and that leads to patient satisfaction.

A key strength of the TBCC's patient education program is the orientation for new patients and families. Evaluations have shown that this session greatly reduces the anxiety of new patients and empowers them with information to help them throughout the course of their care. The orientation was identified as a strong point by the accreditation team that recently evaluated patient care at the TBCC.

"The orientation session provides patients with essential information right from the start," says Gimbel. "It also creates efficiencies in the care system. Patients get the information they need at the beginning, which means doctors and nurses don't have to repeat the information for every new patient."

In addition to the orientation, patients and their families can access several other learning options including presentations and discussions where they can learn from cancer experts. They can also select a wide range of printed materials related to each stage of their treatment and care.

Currently, Gimbel is working with the Community Cancer Centres in Southern Alberta to help ensure their patients' information needs are being met. Collaborating with the CCI in Edmonton, Gimbel would like to develop a standardized province-wide program so that all Albertans facing cancer receive the same valuable information about coping with and surviving the cancer experience.

For patients fighting cancer, every decision they make regarding treatment and care is critical. Armed with the information provided through patient education programs, patients and families play an active and educated role in conquering cancer.

*Loring Gimbel, Patient Education
Specialist at the TBCC.*

A HEALTHY TREE STANDS STRONG

The Tree of Life: Healthy Choices for Well Being is a ground-breaking ACB educational program developed to support health care providers working with First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

This innovative program uses the teachings of a tree, an important symbol in many Aboriginal communities, to talk about cancer with a focus on prevention and early detection. Drawing on a holistic approach to emphasize how a healthy lifestyle can help prevent cancer, simple messages and pictures, improve people's receptiveness to and participation in prevention, screening, early diagnosis and treatment programs.

In order for a tree to survive and grow healthy and strong, it needs to be treated with care and respect. Just as a healthy tree grows strong, by taking care of ourselves and making healthy lifestyle choices, we can achieve balance and harmony in our lives and reduce the risk of cancer and other diseases.

Living healthier lives

Only a few decades ago, many people thought that there was little that they could do to protect themselves against cancer. In recent years, however, scientists have taken a closer look at the links between lifestyle and cancer. We have learned more about how the disease develops and what biological and environmental factors increase cancer risk.

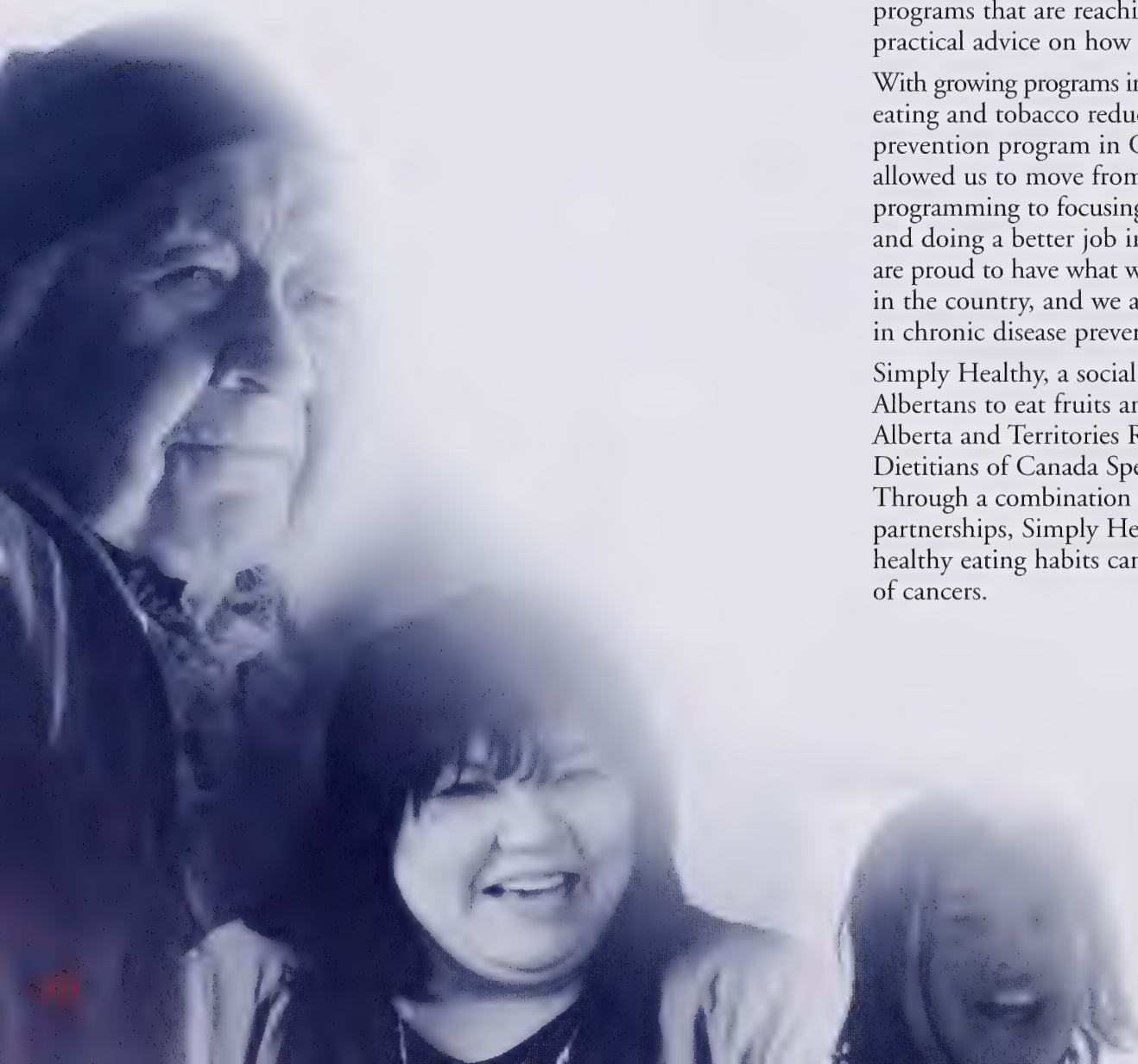
We now have better weapons for fighting the disease: more options for diagnosis and treatment, improved therapies and new technologies for early detection. Perhaps most importantly, we also know that people can take steps to protect themselves against cancer.

This year, over 12,000 Albertans were diagnosed with cancer. This number is expected to rise to about 21,000 cases in 2020. "The reality is that prevention holds our best opportunity for controlling cancer by making an impact on the steadily increasing number of cases that are overwhelming our healthcare system," says Ellen Murphy, Director of Prevention for the Alberta Cancer Board's Division of Population Health and Information. "Not only can we do a better job of reducing the human toll for cancer patients and their loved ones, we can help Albertans live healthier lives."

The ACF is providing \$1.65 million over three years to assist in the development and delivery of cancer prevention programs that are reaching out to Albertans and providing practical advice on how to reduce cancer risk.

With growing programs in physical activity, sun safety, healthy eating and tobacco reduction, Alberta has a leading cancer prevention program in Canada. "Foundation funding has allowed us to move from more general prevention programming to focusing on more specific prevention areas and doing a better job in each area," says Murphy. "We are proud to have what we think is one of the best programs in the country, and we are now playing a leadership role in chronic disease prevention."

Simply Healthy, a social marketing program encouraging Albertans to eat fruits and vegetables, recently won the Alberta and Territories Regional Award at the Kraft and Dietitians of Canada Speaking of Food and Eating Awards. Through a combination of media relations and community partnerships, Simply Healthy, is spreading the word that healthy eating habits can help prevent up to 20 per cent of cancers.



Surveys have shown that Simply Healthy has been successful in reaching the target audience. Following this initial success, the program is now moving beyond awareness messaging to showing people how to integrate healthy eating. "We began by telling people that eating fruits and vegetables could help reduce their risk of cancer. Market research shows that this message is reaching Albertans," says Monica Schwann, Prevention Outreach Manager. "The next phase of the campaign is to give Albertans practical tips on how to include more fruits and vegetables in their daily diet."

When it comes to cancer prevention, healthy eating and physical activity go hand-in-hand. Through a series of Active Living workshops, the ACB is working with regional health authorities to promote the importance of physical activity. In addition to supporting the Active Living Workshop series, the ACF continues to provide support for research into physical activity and cancer because advances in this area lead directly to new prevention programs that will increase wellness in the long-run.

As many Albertans take this message to heart and head outside to exercise, an innovative new prevention program is reminding us that although skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in our province, sun safety is as easy as covering up, seeking shade and wearing sunscreen. Funded entirely through donor support, the Sunright pilot program was launched in 2003. Community events and hands-on family activities are part of the strategy to teach families the importance of being sun smart.

"As much as 80 per cent of skin damage occurs before the age of 18, and one serious sunburn as a child can double the chances of developing skin cancer later in life," says Schwann. "For these reasons, developing safe sun behaviours in children and their parents is an important part of skin cancer prevention."

The brightly coloured Sunright van and tent travelled to lakes, pools, daycamps and 25 community events including triathlons, rodeos and festivals where more than 3000 people received sun safety information. Fifteen pharmacies in the target region displayed point-of-sale Sunright material for the duration of the campaign and all said they would continue to participate. This unique sun safety program was awarded the Canadian Dermatology Association's Public Education Award for excellence in 2004.

One of the best ways to fight cancer is to prevent it from happening. From tobacco cessation to sun safety, physical activity and nutrition campaigns, prevention programs are working to ultimately reduce the incidence of cancer in our province. Our investment in strong prevention programming will save the lives of thousands of Albertans and reduce future health care costs for our children and grandchildren.

As part of the Sunright program, a young girl sports a long-sleeved shirt, sun glasses and a sun hat to protect herself from harmful UV rays.



Every boy and girl
as they come into this *world* they bring
the gift of hope and *inspiration*

There's a *special part* every one of us will play

THANK YOU

Your generous support makes a difference in so many ways. It touches the lives of thousands of courageous cancer patients and their families through world-class treatment and care. And it touches the lives of people who may never get this disease thanks to the research and prevention programs you make possible.

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SPECIAL EVENT FRIENDS

Each year hundreds of special volunteers and participants generously contribute time and energy to raise funds on behalf of the Cross Cancer Institute, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and 15 other cancer centres that bring world-class cancer care closer to home for all Albertans. In 2003-2004 a record \$3.1 million was raised through more than 300 creative and fun special events. Thank you all for dreaming big!

NORTHERN ALBERTA EVENTS (OVER \$500)

EVENT	NET PROCEEDS
15th Annual CCI Golf Classic	\$275,000
Companion events:	
11th Annual Boston Pizza Golf Classic	42,930
4th Annual Blair Oko Golf Tournament	17,878
6th Annual Uniglobe Geo Golf Tournament	7,000
12th Annual CCI Karaoke Night & Silent Auction	113,000
8th Annual Row for Life	107,348
Companion event:	
Marjorie Hooker's Cut for Cancer	1,583
3rd Annual Laughing For Cancer	52,783
Bryan Mudryk & Friends Dinner & Dance - Boyle	29,963
4th Annual Floyd Mehalcheon Trail Ride	28,893
3rd Annual Francesco's/Outback Steakhouse Something's Cookin'	26,300
6th Annual Short Cut to the Cure - Wetaskiwin	25,125
Companion event:	
Short Cut Around the Lake - Wetaskiwin	3,293
Optimists 'Cures for Kids' Radio-Thon - Red Deer	19,022
Annual George Flake Memorial/ARUA Charity Golf Classic	18,040
3rd Annual Medicentres Tri for the Cure - Leduc	14,373
20th Annual Fort Saskatchewan Motorcycle Association Ride & Raffle Draw	14,146
2nd Annual Muskeg River 500 km Bicycle Ride	13,021
Razored for Ron Wicentowich	12,605
Spiral of Life Cancer Support IMO Karen Willis-Smith	10,600
St Albert Minor Hockey Association Goals for the Cure	10,230
Millwoods Judo Club	10,000
J.H. Picard School Cuts for Cancer	9,772
2nd Annual SLI Riders (formerly Saddle Sore/Bun Burner Bike Ride)	9,618
Mary Butterworth School 'Cutbacks for Cancer'	9,441
Waterford of Summerlea Dinner & Auction	8,419
Jordan Rodda 'Journey of Hope' Walk - Calgary to Edmonton	8,154
W.P. Wagner CHS Head Shave	7,907
DJ's Pub - Morinville - Cuts for Cancer & Silent Auction	7,362
Georgie Kwan Memorial Cuts for Cancer	7,323
9th Annual Alberta Mobility Golf Tournament	7,160
3rd Annual Sturgeon Valley Athletic Club Golf Tournament IMO Bernie Giesbrecht	7,061
Champion Technologies Ltd. Head Shave IMO Tracey Baird	6,878
Gielen Family Head Shave	6,677
8th Annual Darren Howard Memorial Mixed Slo-Pitch Tournament - Leduc	6,661
Norman Wells Head Shave	6,592
Dare to Dream for Ovarian Cancer	6,291
Boston Pizza Calgary Trail Staff and Friends	6,200
Holy Family School 'Kids Cuts for Cancer'	5,857
de Groot & Heinen Family Shave for the Cure	5,842
Ray Metz Headshave	5,821
4th Annual Dennis Soprovich Memorial Volleyball Tournament - Two Hills	5,500
4th Annual Arts in Medicine Gala	5,392
Vermilion 4-H Trail Ride	5,324
2nd Annual Booster Juice Main Squeeze Fun Run	5,100
U of A Rezfest	5,021
Castledowns Bingo Staff	5,000
Boston Pizza Fort Saskatchewan Staff and Friends	5,000
6th Annual Sawmill Ladies Charity Classic Golf Tournament	5,000
Ralph Hole Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament	5,000
2nd Annual Stuart Hall Classic	5,000

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Leduc Wal-Mart Short Cut to the Cure	4,605
Haak Family 3 Generation Head Shave - Stony Plain	4,446
Monique Champagne participates in Great Canadian Death Race	4,425
Deepak Binning Foundation Dinner & Dance	4,100
2nd Annual 'It's A Spring Thing'	3,919
WesClean Golf Tournament	3,750
St Albert Yoga Centre Yoga-Thon IHO Juliet Rush	3,665
Meghan Thompson/Kathleen Switzer/ Peter Woytkow Head Shave	3,539
Liliana's Fashion Show & Silent Auction	3,366
Cash vs Clash Concert at New City Likwid Lounge	3,173
Barrhead EMS Shave-a-Thon	3,155
The Snow Ball	3,050
Charity Garage Sale, CFB Cold Lake	2,873
Shovelling Snow for Cancer IMO Theresa Deltombe	2,800
Belton/Blanchard Family Head Shave	2,745
Gregg Steenbergen Memorial Golf Tournament	2,719
2nd Annual Mulhurst Bay Walk-a-Thon	2,668
Ponoka 24 Hour Curling Marathon IMO Evelyn Pederson	2,553
Fernanda Alves Head Shave	2,522
2nd Annual Cougar Tool Golf Tournament	2,520
Jim Noble Head Shave	2,500
10th Annual Gerry McDougall Honda Goldwing Cancer Ride	2,422
6th Annual Nick Rooyakkers Head Shave (IMO Anton Rooyakkers)	2,415
286 Group New Years Party	2,380
Annual Barbara Good Memorial Golf Tournament	2,361
Lindsay Kieser Head Shave	2,292
Heather Lawrence Head Shave	2,286
5th Annual NAIT Young Culinarisians Conquering Cancer	2,276
Champion Technologies Ltd. Dunk Tank IMO Tracey Baird	2,239
6th Annual Eula Klask Golf Tournament	2,226
Marianne Horvat & Blain Weidman - Remax	2,200
2nd Annual Solinski's Mile	2,135
2nd Annual Healy Ford and Alberta Mustang Owners Association Show & Shine	2,006
Alberta Girls Showcase Society	2,000
8th Annual PM Electric Golf Tournament (IMO Poul Mathiesen)	1,850
3rd Annual Loving Proof Golf Tournament	1,666
Kay Hand Head Shave @ Parkland CHS Grad - Edson	1,645
Vernon Barford Junior High Christmas Bazaar	1,522
Yuk Yuk Night for Charity, Stockyard's Sports Saloon - Drayton Valley	1,520
3rd Annual Beatrice Chalifoux Memorial Golf Tournament	1,507
Dean Morin Hair Cut	1,499
Country Sampler Fashion Show - Westeros	1,497
Unifirst Suits Up in the Fight Against Cancer	1,385
4th Annual Boomerang Bash	1,320
Glen Romaniuk Head Shave	1,290
BBQ Acres Mother's Day Brunch and Auction	1,284
George H. Luck Elementary School Conflict Management Team	1,226
Megan Long Head Shave	1,175
St. Albert Yoga Centre Yoga-thon IHO Juliet Rush	1,165
Sheila Krell Head Shave	1,085
Valerie Gauthier Head Shave	1,075
2nd Annual Nagel Tours Rock 'n Roll Show 'n Dance	1,050
Petro-Canada Employees Paycheque Raffle	1,045
HRDC Worksite Event	1,037
Alliant Engineering & Consulting Curling Bonspiel	1,020
Alyssa Janmohamed Head Shave	1,010
ORAS (NAIT) IMO Lester Loucks	1,000
Sherwood Park Quilt Guild Raffle	1,000
Nurse's Week CCI	1,000
Rosie's Deer Meadows Golf Tournament	1,000
JLG Ball Enterprises Silent Auction	1,000
Niki Kux-Kardos Cut for Cancer	1,000
Rig Hands for Cancer Head Shave	1,000
Rami Bader's 'Ride for Life - Rebel with a Cause' World Bike Tour	979
Ladies' Getaway to Victoria	950
3rd Annual Val Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament	916
Edmonton Northgate Lions Head Shave	900
WCB Beard Shave	829
Spiller Family Reunion	800
Edmonton Journal Sale of Joan Healy Artwork	760
Jason Dent & Heather Johnson Wedding	750
11th Annual CCI Adopt-a-Family Project	750
Halo Fashion Shows - Connected Entertainment	700
Centennial School Heritage Cookie & Bake Sale	700
Hoyle Family Reunion	678
Circle K Club, U of A, "Topless" Carwash	650
Cory & Nicole Fast Wedding	606
Budd Family Golf Tournament	602
Press Gallery	601
Lynnwood Elementary School (DARE Fun Run @ WEM)	600
Dante's CFRN TV Guest Bartender (Bryan Mudryk and friends)	584
ACLSPA 2003 Conference	527
Jessie Dugas Hair Cut	522
WCB Golf Tournament IMO Barry Chaput	519
Harry Ainlay High School Grad 2003	500

The Alberta Cancer Foundation sends special thanks this year to Cheryl Wares who retired in December, 2003 after 27 years of dedicated service at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in the Department of Volunteer Services and as the Foundation's Director of Development for Southern Alberta.



Cheryl Wares presents the Spirit of Care Award to Fred Coles, Chair of the TBCC Golf Classic, in honour of his commitment to improving the care of patients with cancer. With 174 golfers and \$329,000 raised, the 2003 TBCC Golf Classic was the most successful in its 12-year history.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA EVENTS (OVER \$500)

EVENT	NET PROCEEDS
Beyond Courage: An Evening with Lance Armstrong	\$1,416,747
12th Annual TBCC Golf Classic	328,866
6th Annual TBCC Playing for Life Concert	176,795
Calgary Chinese Community Fundraiser	53,040
Providing a Voice	27,157
Calgary Policewomen's Benevolent Society Gala	22,000
Sutton Breast Cancer Golf Classic - Medicine Hat	17,600
Wendy Chow 20th Anniversary Celebration	8,380
Sprott Securities Annual Charity Golf Tournament	8,080
2nd Annual Cochrane Legion Headshave	7,129
Precision Drilling Hockey Tournament	6,470
Calgary Transit "Head for A Cure"	6,258
Jill Magnus Headshave	5,177
Enterprise Rent-a-Car Charity Golf Tournament	5,090
Boston Pizza Shawnessy Headshave	3,982
Nexen Golf Tournament Mulligan Raffle	3,630
Hanna Farmers Bonspiel Headshave	3,350
Taber Quilt Raffle	3,090
Calgary Co-op 'Bags for Riches' 2003	3,074
Calgary Harmony of Arts Association	3,000
Randy Kirby Headshave	2,737
2nd Annual Basement Staff & Patients Arts & Crafts Show & Sale	2,727
UofC Engineering Student Society "Shear Stress" Headshave	2,559
Boston Pizza Shawnessy Staff Auction	2,465
Brooks Headshave	2,350
Mulligans for Life Golf Tournament	2,000
Mel Palm Memorial Golf Tournament	1,950
Karouzos Steak House & Pizza Christmas Stocking Sale	1,727
Vince Schulz Headshave	1,715
Aon Reed Stenhouse Golf Tournament	1,600
BMO Fountain of Hope	1,592
Yvonne Sanchez Headshave	1,315
Black Swan Fundraiser	1,305
Kappa Sigma Bedpush	1,264
Jelly Bean Dispenser & Vase Sales	1,179
The Fabric Cottage Sew 'n Tell	1,170
Our Lady of Peace Penny Drive	1,130
The Fabric Cottage Quilt Raffle	1,098
Oyen Kinsmen Headshave	1,000
Le Lu Headshave	1,000
PrimeWest Employee Golf Tournament	1,000
Speakeasy 'Cancer Can Be Beaten' Fundraiser	1,000
Defiant Energy Corporation	1,000
APTEA Golf Tournament	773
Ken de Groot Headshave	650
Chinook Sears 'Fragrant Wishes & Scented Dreams' Silent Auction	608
Iona Beduz Art Show	570
UofC Continuing Education Easter Fundraiser	560
Woods Homes Lobsters BBQ	535
Aitken/Freeborn Wedding	500
Alasdair Nairn 5 Year Celebration	500
Dr J.K. Mulloy School Kidz Only Christmas Shoppe	500

If you are interested in planning a fundraiser on behalf of the Alberta Cancer Foundation, please contact us for tips and guidelines to make your event easy, fun and successful.

Our sincere thanks to the many donors and volunteers whose support we are unable to acknowledge in this publication.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Alberta Cancer Foundation

I have audited the statement of financial position of Alberta Cancer Foundation as at March 31, 2004 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
May 21, 2004

ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2004

	2004	2003
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash (note 3)	\$ 2,839,374	\$ 4,031,057
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	180,527	113,764
Current portion of pledges receivable (note 5)	23,483	85,215
	3,043,384	4,230,036
Pledges receivable (note 5)	1,153,748	26,000
Capital assets (note 6)	50,240	72,144
Investments (note 4)	40,003,477	36,478,552
Other assets	73,904	-
	<u>\$ 44,324,753</u>	<u>\$ 40,806,732</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 154,841	\$ 171,803
Due to Alberta Cancer Board	128,261	180,931
Deferred contributions (note 7)	3,427,174	2,661,978
	3,710,276	3,014,712
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	1,557,393	1,186,074
Investment in capital assets	50,240	72,144
Internally established endowments (note 8)	19,074,719	18,419,317
Endowments (note 9)	19,932,125	18,114,485
	40,614,477	37,792,020
	<u>\$ 44,324,753</u>	<u>\$ 40,806,732</u>

Approved by the Trustees.



Pattie Culver
Chair, Alberta Cancer Foundation



J. Garnett Millard FCA
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	Budget (note 14)	Actual
Revenues, endowments and restricted contributions:		
Donations and contributions received (note 10)	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 6,632,888
Fund raising costs	(1,068,500)	(802,182)
	6,931,500	5,830,706
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions and endowments (note 10)	(1,000,000)	422,254
Donations and contributions earned	5,931,500	6,252,960
Investment and other income received	1,300,000	1,287,352
Increase in deferred contributions (note 7)	-	(141,483)
Investment and other income earned	1,300,000	1,145,869
Lottery proceeds, net (note 11)	1,000,000	910,558
	8,231,500	8,309,387
Expenses:		
Operating grants	3,000,000	2,979,738
Research grants	4,000,000	3,309,059
Administrative salaries, allowances and benefits	563,983	474,873
General expenses	304,000	298,181
	7,867,983	7,061,851
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	<u>\$ 363,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,536</u>

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	2004					2003
	Unrestricted	Investment in capital assets	Internally established endowments	Endowments	Total	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 1,186,074	\$ 72,144	\$ 18,419,317	\$ 18,114,485	\$ 37,792,020	\$ 35,927,082
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,004,817	-	-	-	1,004,817	1,247,536
Capital assets:						
Amortization of capital assets	21,904	(21,904)	-	-	-	-
Internally established endowments (note 8):						
Cancer Research Reserve	(655,402)	-	655,402	-	-	-
Endowment contributions received	-	-	-	1,846,943	1,846,943	617,402
Transferred				(29,303)	(29,303)	
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,557,393</u>	<u>\$ 50,240</u>	<u>\$ 19,074,719</u>	<u>\$ 19,932,125</u>	<u>\$ 40,614,477</u>	<u>\$ 37,792,020</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Cash generated from (used by):		
Operating activities:		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 1,004,817	\$ 1,247,536
Change in accrued interest	11,233	82,055
Items not involving cash:		
Gain on disposal of investments	(103,413)	(38,798)
Amortization of capital assets	21,904	19,147
Amortization of bond premiums	63,003	12,561
Amortization of mineral rights	6,096	-
Write-down of investments	-	300,000
Change in non-cash operating working capital accounts:		
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	(66,763)	50,504
Accounts payable	(16,962)	71,236
Due to Alberta Cancer Board	(52,670)	(474,049)
Deferred contributions	765,196	(898,173)
Current portion of pledges receivable	61,732	52,592
Cash generated from operating activities	<u>1,694,173</u>	<u>424,611</u>
Investing and financing activities:		
Increase in investments:		
Donated shares	(195,384)	(567,495)
Purchase of investments	(24,788,348)	(32,999,524)
Proceeds on sale of investments	21,487,984	31,400,800
	<u>(3,495,748)</u>	<u>(2,166,219)</u>
Endowment contributions received	1,846,943	617,402
Purchase of capital assets	-	(27,569)
Decrease (increase) in pledges receivable	(1,127,748)	1,067,895
Donated other assets	(80,000)	-
Endowment contributions transferred (note 9)	(29,303)	-
Cash generated from investing and financing activities	<u>(2,885,856)</u>	<u>(508,491)</u>
Decrease in cash	(1,191,683)	(83,880)
Cash, beginning of year	4,031,057	4,114,937
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 2,839,374</u>	<u>\$ 4,031,057</u>

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2004

NOTE 1 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

The Alberta Cancer Foundation (the Foundation) operates under the authority of the Cancer Programs Act Chapter C-2, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, and is registered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a charitable foundation. The Foundation receives donations, raises funds and provides funds to the Alberta Cancer Board and other organizations for purposes of cancer research and for cancer-related activities and services.

The Foundation has offices at the provincial office of the Alberta Cancer Board and the Cross Cancer Institute (which are located in Edmonton) and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND REPORTING PRACTICES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The following are the significant accounting policies:

(a) Revenue recognition:

- (i) Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue when received or upon becoming receivable.
- (ii) Externally restricted contributions are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year when grants are made by the Foundation from these contributions. Externally restricted amounts can only be used for the purposes designated by external parties. Any externally restricted contributions containing stipulations that the principal amounts not be expended are recorded as direct increases to net assets. These include contributions made for endowment purposes.
- (iii) Unrestricted investment income is recognized in the year it is earned.
- (iv) Investment income subject to external restrictions is, depending on the nature of the restrictions, recorded as a direct increase to net assets, or deferred and recognized as revenue in the year grants are made.
- (v) Donations and contributions in kind are recorded at fair value when such value can reasonably be determined. Volunteers contribute a significant amount of time each year to assist the Foundation in carrying out its programs and services. However, because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services of volunteers are not recognized in these financial statements.

(b) Pledges:

Pledges are recognized as an asset when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and when collection is reasonably assured. Pledges receivable are recorded as an asset in the accounts, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts.

(c) Investments:

Investments are recorded at cost. Cost of fixed income securities includes the amount of applicable amortization of discounts or premiums using the straight-line method over the period to maturity. The cost of disposal is determined on the average cost basis. Gains or losses realized on disposal are recognized in the period of disposal.

Where there has been a loss in value of an investment that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss. The written down value is deemed to be the new cost.

(d) Capital assets:

Capital assets are recorded at cost.

Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

	Useful Life
Furniture & equipment	5 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	7 years

(e) Other Assets

Other assets include mineral rights donated to the Alberta Cancer Foundation and are recorded at cost. Lease revenue received for the rights are recognized straight-line over the life of the lease term. The cost of the mineral rights is amortized over the estimated life of production and provides for depletion of the reserves as the revenue is earned.

(f) Financial instruments:

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, amounts due to Alberta Cancer Board and accounts payable approximate their fair values because of the short-term maturities of these items. The fair value of the pledges receivable is not materially different from their carrying value. The fair value of investments is disclosed in note 4.

(g) Grant expenses:

Operating grants are provided to the Alberta Cancer Board on an annual basis for the funding of special equipment and programs such as the pastoral care program, palliative care, education and patient comfort.

Operating and research grants provided to the Alberta Cancer Board are recognized as expenses when the funds are authorized by the Foundation for disbursement to the Board.

(h) Measurement uncertainty:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION
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NOTE 3 CASH

	2004	2003
Cash	\$ 468,235	\$ 994,793
Deposits in the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund of the Province of Alberta	2,371,139	3,036,264
	<u>\$ 2,839,374</u>	<u>\$ 4,031,057</u>

The Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund (CCITF) of the Province of Alberta is a demand amount managed by Alberta Finance with the objective of providing competitive interest income to depositors while maintaining security and liquidity of depositors' capital. Interest is earned on the daily cash balance and the average rate of earnings of the CCITF varies depending on prevailing market interest rates. The rate of return for the year ended March 31, 2004 was 3.00 % (2.83% for March 31, 2003).

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS

	2004	2003
Cash	\$ 1,498	\$ 13,486
Canadian common shares	12,049,393	11,018,604
U.S. common shares	3,881,700	2,853,940
World Pooled Equity Funds	3,857,472	2,622,520
Treasury bills and guaranteed investment certificates with an average effective yield of 2.00 % (2003 – 2.63%), with maturity date of April 8, 2004 (2003 – April 10, 2003 and May 8, 2003)	1,881,892	2,595,580
Canadian federal, provincial and municipal government bonds and debentures, with an average effective yield of 5.50% (2003 – 5.94%), with maturity dates between June 1, 2005 and October 1, 2029 (2003 – June 2, 2003 and October 1, 2029)	14,722,453	12,943,000
Corporate debentures, with an average effective yield of 6.53 % (2003 – 6.94%), with maturity dates between December 21, 2005 and July 27, 2029 (2003 – December 21, 2005 and July 27, 2029)	3,266,418	4,077,539
Accrued interest receivable	342,651	353,883
	<u>\$ 40,003,477</u>	<u>\$ 36,478,552</u>
FAIR VALUE		
Cash	\$ 1,498	\$ 13,486
Canadian common shares	16,222,850	11,680,600
U.S. common shares	4,111,390	2,679,634
World Pooled Equity Funds	4,048,923	2,037,417
Treasury bills and guaranteed investment certificates	1,881,892	2,595,580
Canadian federal, provincial and municipal government bonds and debentures	15,993,858	13,593,720
Corporate debentures	3,502,868	4,160,558
Accrued interest receivable	342,651	353,883
	<u>\$ 46,105,930</u>	<u>\$ 37,114,878</u>

- (i) In order to earn the optimal financial returns at an acceptable level of risk, the Foundation has established an asset mix policy of 40% to 70% for fixed income instruments, 0% to 10% for treasury bills and guaranteed investment certificates and 20% to 60% for equities.
- Risk is reduced through asset class diversification, diversification within each asset class and quality constraints.
- (ii) Treasury bills, bonds and debentures are managed with the objective of providing optimal returns while maintaining maximum security of capital. The bonds represent high quality fixed-income securities. Risk is reduced by limiting investments to instruments with a rating of A or higher by the Dominion Bond Rating Service.

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NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

As at March 31, 2004, the securities have the following term structure:

Under 1 year	9%
1 to 5 years	43%
6 to 10 years	29%
Over 10 years	19%
	<u>100%</u>

- (iii) Common stocks comprise equities publicly traded in the Canadian and foreign markets. Risk is reduced by limiting exposure to any one stock to 10% of the total market value of Canadian and U.S. common shares.
- (iv) It is anticipated that Foundation revenues will be sufficient to meet Foundation expenditures on an on-going basis and that the investment portfolio will continue to grow. It is intended that the proceeds of investments maturing within one year will be reinvested.

Investments represent the following:

	2004	2003
Unrestricted net assets used to finance investments	\$ 1,866,299	\$ —
Internally established endowments	19,074,719	18,419,317
Endowments, net of pledges receivable	19,062,459	18,059,235
	<u>\$ 40,003,477</u>	<u>\$ 36,478,552</u>

NOTE 5 PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Pledges receivable are expected to be received by the following dates:

	Endowments		Other		Total
2004/2005	\$ 1,500	\$	21,983	\$	23,483
2005/2006	384,834		105,580		490,414
2006/2007	383,334		67,500		450,834
2007/2008	50,000		62,500		112,500
2008/2009	50,000		50,000		100,000
	<u>\$ 869,668</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>307,563</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,177,231</u>

NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	2004 Accumulated amortization	Net book value	2003 Net book value
Leasehold improvements				
Furniture & equipment	\$ 18,783	\$ 9,727	\$ 9,056	\$ 11,740
	105,534	64,350	41,184	60,404
	<u>\$ 124,317</u>	<u>\$ 74,077</u>	<u>\$ 50,240</u>	<u>\$ 72,144</u>

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NOTE 7 DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	2004	2003
Restricted contributions:		
Amounts received	\$ 5,826,927	\$ 4,714,167
Amounts recognized as revenue	(5,427,245)	(5,753,823)
Increase (decrease) during the year (note 10)	399,682	(1,039,656)
Restricted investment income:		
Amounts received	725,447	730,364
Amounts recognized as revenue	(359,933)	(588,881)
Increase during the year	365,514	141,483
Total increase (decrease) during the year	765,196	(898,173)
Balance, beginning of year	2,661,978	3,560,151
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,427,174</u>	<u>\$ 2,661,978</u>

The balance at end of year is restricted for the following purposes:

	2004	2003
Operating grants	\$ 1,175,024	\$ 1,184,281
Research grants	2,226,246	1,477,697
Capital asset grants	25,904	—
	<u>\$ 3,427,174</u>	<u>\$ 2,661,978</u>

NOTE 8 INTERNALLY ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENTS

Internally established endowments consist of amounts set aside at the discretion of the Trustees from the accumulated excess of revenues over expenses to provide income for cancer research and assistance for patients under financial distress as follows:

	2004	2003
Cancer Research Reserve	\$ 18,624,719	\$ 17,969,317
Patient Financial Assistance Reserve	450,000	450,000
	<u>\$ 19,074,719</u>	<u>\$ 18,419,317</u>

NOTE 9 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

These funds consist of donations for which the donors have stipulated that the principal amount donated must remain intact. Interest earned from the investment of these funds is included in deferred contributions as it may only be expended as stipulated. During the fiscal year, the Cipin family granted permission to use endowments of \$29,303 for a program for patient needs and this amount was transferred accordingly.

	2004	2003
Research Endowments:		
Conquering Cancer Endowment Fund	\$ 18,013,626	\$ 16,273,511
Meltzer Fund	113,712	113,712
Samuel Gadeski Fund	36,600	36,600
Mervyn Brettschneider Fund	31,986	31,926
	<u>18,195,924</u>	<u>16,455,749</u>
Patient Need Endowments:		
Ralph Hole "Camp Beat it" Fund	188,933	183,529
Linda Singleton Fund	82,321	82,296
Carl Kurze Fund	81,732	81,732
Dr. D.R. Wilson Fund	69,725	69,515
Donna Cipin Fund	—	29,303
Tom Baker Cancer Centre Daycare	10,000	10,000
Deanna Grimes Fund	5,153	5,153
	<u>437,864</u>	<u>461,528</u>
Financial Assistance:		
Wings of Hope Fund	680,092	590,091
Financial Assistance	346,729	345,601
	<u>1,026,821</u>	<u>935,692</u>
Staff Development:		
David Overton Fund	253,064	253,064
V.G. Sundstrom Fund	18,452	8,452
	<u>271,516</u>	<u>261,516</u>
	<u>\$ 19,932,125</u>	<u>\$ 18,114,485</u>

ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2004

NOTE 10 DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations and contributions are received from unsolicited donations, special purpose campaigns and special fundraising events. For purposes of the Charitable Fundraising Act, the total of all money contributions and gifts-in-kind raised in Alberta is comprised of:

	2004	2003
Operating grants	\$ 3,883,322	\$ 3,502,993
Research grants	1,943,606	1,211,174
Donations unrestricted	1,624,398	1,301,319
	7,451,326	6,015,486
Endowment contributions	1,846,943	617,402
Donations and contributions received during the year	9,298,269	6,632,888
Fundraising costs	(997,976)	(802,182)
	8,300,293	5,830,706
Decrease (increase) in deferred contributions during the year (note 7)	(399,682)	1,039,656
Endowment contributions received	(1,846,943)	(617,402)
	(2,246,625)	422,254
Net donations and contributions reported in Statement of Operations	<u>\$ 6,053,668</u>	<u>\$ 6,252,960</u>

NOTE 11 LOTTERY PROCEEDS, NET

The Alberta Cancer Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society Alberta/N.W.T. Division, as equal partners, participated in the fourth annual Cash and Cars Lottery during this fiscal year. All revenues and expenses were shared equally.

	2004	2003
Total revenues	\$ 8,799,146	\$ 7,989,424
Expenses:		
Prizes	3,731,313	3,833,413
Marketing and other	2,801,607	2,334,895
Total expenses	6,532,920	6,168,308
Net excess of revenue over expenses	2,266,226	1,821,116
Canadian Cancer Society's share (50%)	(1,133,113)	(910,558)
Alberta Cancer Foundation's share (50%)	<u>\$ 1,133,113</u>	<u>\$ 910,558</u>

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Future minimum lease payments under operating leases relating primarily to office space are as follows:

2005	\$ 12,229
2006	12,229
2007	12,229
2008	3,057

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NOTE 13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Alberta Cancer Board:

The Foundation is controlled by the Alberta Cancer Board. The Chairman of the Alberta Cancer Board is a trustee of the Foundation under the authority of the Cancer Programs Act. All other trustees are appointed by the Alberta Cancer Board.

Details of transactions with the Alberta Cancer Board during the year are as follows:

- (i) Operating and research grants, net of amounts recovered, amounting to \$6,019,349 (2003 – \$6,041,926) were made to the Alberta Cancer Board. The Alberta Cancer Board disburses these funds as directed by the Foundation's donors or, where the grants were made from unrestricted funds, as directed by the Foundation.
- (ii) Certain senior management salaries and accommodation costs totalling \$4,000 (2003 – \$3,134) incurred in the administration of the Foundation were paid by the Board and charged to the Foundation.

(b) Cross Cancer Institute Volunteer Association:

The Alberta Cancer Board, which controls the Foundation, exercises significant influence over the Cross Cancer Institute Volunteer Association, which is a society created to provide services for the care and comfort of patients of the Cross Cancer Institute.

The Foundation provided the Association with restricted operating grants of \$11,356 (2003 – \$10,381).

NOTE 14 BUDGET

The 2004 budget was approved by the Trustees of the Foundation on March 12, 2003 and by the Alberta Cancer Board at its March 13, 2003 meeting.



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